

## PETTICOATS TO THE RESCUE

Navy's Swivel Chair Brigade In Washington

SAFE BEHIND THEIR FOLDS

Investigate? Well, Hardly—At Least Mothers, Wives and Sweethearts Will See to It That Congress Is Careful.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Petticoats will protect the navy department and the gallant seamen who navigate swivel chairs in different bureaus against a sweeping investigation by Congress. This is what the wives in House and Senate are saying. They shake their heads at all the talk of exploding dynamite under the department, causing a general upheaval, followed by a deep searching into business methods. It has been tried before, they say, but all in vain.

The admirals and rear-admirals, captains and commanders, would be helpless to prevent an overhauling of the present multiplicity of bureau arrangements. But not so their wives, and daughters, and sweethearts. There is no "pull" in Washington, so it is said, equal to that exerted by the women keep as many officers on duty in Washington as possible, and history shows their wishes have been gratified.

Nevertheless, many members of the House and Senate are getting more and more convinced that the department must be overhauled. The postoffice department's business methods have been probed in recent months, with results that are expected to be important. Nobody doubts that the navy department's methods in some respects are quite as out of date as those of any department in the government.

Senator Hale is expected now to put in a resolution calling for the correspondence in the Brown-Rixey imbroglio, and with this as a start the Senate may conclude it will be well to air the whole navy situation. The feeling of certain of the House naval affairs committee on the subject has been already set forth. The formal order, dated Dec. 26, detaching Rear-Admiral Brown from duty as chief of the bureau of navigation,

## MADAME FLORENCE

CLAIRVOYANT AND PALMIST.

Now Located at Russell Block, Pearl St., Barre, Vt.

Advice given on business, love, marriage, divorce, etc. to students in business and what you are best adapted to; location of lost property; what the country your luck lies in; friends absent; friends; location of minerals. Satisfaction or no pay.

Get the Habit.

GO TO

## The Theatorium,

BARRE'S 5 CENT THEATRE

Always a Good Show

Illustrated Songs, Moving Pictures

For Tonight Only

The Britt-Nelson Fight

On the Brink

The Electric Belt

SONG

"Bye, Bye, Dearie."

"THE HOUR SHOW"

5 Cents Admission. 5 Cents.

Children free if accompanied by a paid admission, afternoons only.

Daily, matinee at 2:00, evening at 7:00.

Look for This Sign

On New Guelz Block, Pearl St.

## BILLIARDS BOWLING AND POOL FURNISHED ROOMS

A. H. BUZZELL, Proprietor.

## FIRE Insurance Rates REDUCED

Seventeen old reliable Stock Companies and five Mutuals Take your choice. Call and investigate. Any competition met, in companies that have had an experience of from 25 to 100 years.

J. W. DILLON,

and J. Bolster Block, Barre, Vt.

## Rheumatism

Is one of the constitutional diseases. It manifests itself in local aches and pains, inflamed joints and stiff muscles,—but it cannot be cured by local applications. It requires constitutional treatment, and the best is a course of the great blood purifying and tonic medicine

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

which neutralizes the acidity of the blood and builds up the whole system.

In usual liquid form or in chocolate tablets known as Sarsatabs, 100 doses \$1.

tion was made public at the navy department yesterday. The same order detached him from his membership in the joint army and navy board. Commander Winslow continues to act as the head of the bureau pending the selecting of an officer for permanent assignment to that duty.

## OPPOSED TO CENTRAL BANK.

The Sentiment Is Against the Plan in the South.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—According to a canvass by the Washington Post, the bankers of the middle and south Atlantic states are overwhelmingly opposed to the central bank idea advanced by the controller of the currency, Hildreth. Out of ninety bankers canvassed in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and North Carolina, only twenty-nine favor a central bank, while fifty-eight oppose it; sixty-three desire an emergency currency, twenty-five do not; sixteen favor and fourteen oppose both plans. In the District of Columbia only one banker is found in favor of the central bank idea, but almost all advocate the issue of emergency notes by national banks.

## QUENTIN R. HAS FALLEN IN LOVE

President's Youngest Son Pays Attention to Mail Carrier's Daughter.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The "Romances of the White House" series has an addition. Quentin, the youngest son of the president, has fallen in love. It was not long ago that Quentin failed to return from the Force public school, which he attends, within a reasonable time. A secret service White House man known as "the nurse" was sent to find him. He discovered him sitting on the steps of the home of little Miss Colvin, daughter of Clinton R. Colvin, a mail carrier, on Rhode Island avenue. Quentin surrendered without resistance and accompanied the officer.

The White House carriage stopped before the residence of little Miss Colvin and a liveried White House servant took to the door a Christmas greeting. When Quentin went away to Pine Knot, he had the answer in his inside pocket. It wished him a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and was in the handwriting of the young lady.

## MAY CHOOSE HITCHCOCK TO RUN TAFT CAMPAIGN.

Anyway, There's Soon to Be a Radical Change in Management.

Washington, Dec. 28.—On authority of men close to Secretary Taft, it is declared that there is no longer any question that a change of campaign management will be made. Various men have been under consideration and the best information today is that no arrangement has been closed, but that Secretary Taft has picked a man he wants and that the latter will probably accept. His identity is so far carefully guarded, and there is much speculation over the matter.

Frank H. Hitchcock, first assistant postmaster general, is the man many believe will be picked. His plan being to satisfy the Cortelyou following and annex the southern delegates in a body.

## TAFT MAY GIVE THREE SPEECHES IN SINGLE DAY IN HUB.

Secretary Busy To-day, Writing Address for Merchants—Will Visit Aunt in Millbury.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Secretary Taft has not decided upon the topic of his speech for next Monday evening before the Merchants' association of Boston. He expects to take the matter up today, however, and will soon begin writing.

He will leave here to-morrow evening on the Federal express, arriving in Boston Monday morning. While there he will be the guest of his cousin, Mrs. Samuel Carr, 403 Commonwealth avenue.

He will make only a short talk at the Boston ministers' meeting at Pilgrim hall that morning, and possibly a short talk at the reception of the Elysium club that afternoon.

Tuesday morning the secretary will go to Millbury to visit his aunt, Miss Della Torrey, who was the life-long companion of his mother.

## ROOSEVELT OUT WITH HIS BOYS IN QUEST OF RABBITS.

Hunt Scheduled for Yesterday Afternoon at Pine Knot Homestead.

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 28.—Contrary to expectation, President Roosevelt did not go hunting yesterday morning, but spent his time around Pine Knot, going for a short stroll in the fields with the boys, who took along the beagles in quest of rabbits.

The program for the afternoon included a hunt, but the hour for the start of the destination were not made known.

## HALF A MILLION DOLLARS SCATTERED IN THE STREET

Trolley Car Runs into Express Wagon and Spills Canvas Bags.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Canvas bags containing gold and silver coin to the amount of \$500,000 were scattered about the corner of LaSalle and Adams streets for a short time Thursday night, but they were soon gathered up and taken to a place of safety under the protection of a squad of police.

An express wagon on its way from the Northwestern to the La Salle street station with a load of specie was struck by a street car.

## GOUT & RHEUMATISM

Use the Great English Remedy BLAIR'S PILLS

Sole, Sars. Effective. 50c & \$1.00. DRUGGISTS, 100 N. BROAD ST., N. Y.

## UNDERTONE OF HOPEFULNESS

Regarding New Year's Trade Conditions

CLEVELAND MILLS RESUME

Giving Employment to 10,000—Pittsburg Has Now Discontinued the Use of Clearing House Certificates.

New York, Dec. 28.—Dispatches to E. C. Dunn & Co., Indiana, indicate a quiet in trade, but there is an undertone of hopefulness regarding the new year, Boston reports retail business smaller than a year ago, especially in expensive merchandise. Wholesale trade shows more than reasonable business, although there is confidence in early recovery. Textile plants restrict output and raw wool is dull.

Total bank exchanges for the five days this week were \$1,623,545,405, a decrease of 97.3 per cent. compared with the corresponding week last year.

## 10,000 BACK TO WORK IN CLEVELAND MILLS

Business Will Be Generally Resumed Early in January.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 28.—Cleveland manufacturers have under consideration plans that will mean the resumption of work for fully 10,000 former employees during January. Many factories will resume operations practically full on Jan. 4. The American Shipbuilding company expects to take on 5,000 men in two or three weeks, which is nearly full capacity.

Hundreds who were laid off by the steel mills will be taken back on Jan. 6. Indications point to a general resumption of business.

## REAL MONEY FOR PITTSBURG NOW.

Payroll Banks Notify Depositors Clearing Checks Are Discontinued.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—There is every indication that Clearing House checks have completed their mission in the Pittsburgh district and that they will not appear in the payrolls of the future. This announcement is not being made with a blast of trumpets or any other ostentatious demonstration, but the payroll banks are quietly and informally advising patrons that beginning with the first of the year they will be able to supply coin of the realm to meet payrolls and that unless new and unforeseen complications arise it will not be necessary to again resort to the use of Clearing House checks, which have proven a savior to the commercial and industrial interests of the district, although more or less an inconvenience to the wage earners.

As the payrolls of the Pittsburgh district now amount to \$1,000,000 a day, the ability to meet them with ready cash indicates a substantial and gratifying condition of financial institutions. No definite announcement has been made as to the reopening of the Stock Exchange, but there is a hint understanding that it will not occur before the middle of January. The managers have determined upon an ultra-conservative policy, and do not want to reopen until assured by the banks of a normal supply of currency under normal conditions for the trading of the exchange.

## HILL LINE ATTACKED.

Another Harriman Controversy Is Probable.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—In a far-reaching answer Thursday night to a complaint brought in the state circuit court, the Northern Pacific Terminal company, a Harriman corporation, avers that the Portland & Seattle Railway company, one of the James J. Hill lines, is doing business illegally, and therefore is without standing in court in seeking to condemn a right of way across the terminal yards in Portland. The terminal company avers that the Portland & Seattle road is owned jointly by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways, and that the three roads are units of one great system; that there is no competition between them; that the formation of a third company by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific is in violation of the statutes of Minnesota and Wisconsin, under the laws of which the two last-named roads are incorporated, and, finally, the answer asserts, the alleged attempts at preventing competition is in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

## \$3,000 PAID FOR A TINY BIT OF RADIUM

One-thousandth of a Gram for Experiments in the Philippines.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The bureau of insular affairs has just paid the largest price for the smallest shipment ever sent to the Philippines. It has bought for \$3,000 one-thousandth of a gram of radium. The purchase is for the bureau of science of the Philippines, which purposes to use the radium in a series of experiments it is about to conduct.

The insular bureau is in something of a quandary as to how it shall ship this precious mineral speck, but it is assumed that the New York concern from which it is bought will manage to pack it in a sufficient number of wrappers to give it at least tangible bulk.

## GIFTS TO EMPLOYEES.

Boston Elevated Will Distribute \$60,000 in Gold.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—The Boston Elevated Railway company began yesterday to distribute \$60,000 in gold among its employees. Nearly 4,000 men will receive each \$15.

Every employee who has been in the company's service for six months or longer will receive money. This is the fifth distribution of this nature that has been made by the company.

## A FAIR TRIAL FOR RUSSIAN PATRIOTS

Premier Stolypin Would Thus Assure Americans—The Petition Received.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The efforts being made in the United States in behalf of Siberian revolutionaries and M. Dreshkovskaya, have attracted the attention of the highest circles here to M. Tshchikovsky, whose arrest thus far has been known to only a comparatively few persons in Russia.

The American petition pleading for the liberation of these two Russian patriots, who were arrested recently for alleged complicity in the Russian revolutionary movement, has been received by Premier Stolypin.

Premier Stolypin inquired personally into the case and yesterday he informed the representatives of the Associated Press that the petition would receive due consideration in the coming proceedings. He regretted his inability to reveal the details of the accusation, as the preliminary investigation had not yet been finished, nor had any indictment been formulated.

"The American public can rest assured, however," said the premier, "that everything will be done to avoid delay and to give M. Tshchikovsky a fair trial before a competent court as soon as possible."

## FIGHT INJUNCTION TO THE LAST DITCH.

Goldfield Miners Will Not Tamefully Submit, Labor Leaders Declare.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 28.—Officials of the miners' union and C. E. Mahoney, vice-president of the Western Federation when told of the plan of the mine owners to obtain an injunction through the federal courts preventing picketing and bringing about the dissolution of the Goldfield Miners' Union, declared that the miners would fight the proposition to the last ditch. Mahoney said: "An injunction of this kind, if issued, will mean that there is nothing left for the miners to do but to go and jump in the sea. Any judge and set of men who fancy that the Goldfield miners will tamely submit to this procedure are greatly mistaken. I would favor ignoring any such order from any court in existence. Injunctions have come to be a mere joke to the American people and this one would be the biggest joke of all. We shall fight it with every weapon at our disposal. There would be nothing left for the union but to fight such an injunction."

Charles S. McKinnon of the local union, declared the union would fight such an injunction.

## SAY WELLS FARGO MEN VIOLATE THE RATE LAW

Commerce Commission Will Hear the Charges of Frisco Merchants.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—Before interstate commerce commissioner Frank L. Lane, the charges of illegal rate making made against the Wells Fargo express company by the California Commerce association will be heard.

The Commerce association, composed of prominent dry goods houses in this city, claims that the express company has violated the interstate commerce law of 1906, in charging more than published rates, and that it has kept the rates filed with the commission hidden from the public, contrary to the law.

## CHICAGO GHETTO PLANS TO HAVE A "RENT STRIKE."

West Siders May Emulate East Siders in New York.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The possibilities that residents in the congested districts of the west side might emulate the lower east side of New York and likewise call a "rent strike" is being discussed freely in the Ghetto.

About seven hundred persons held a meeting last Saturday at which plans for the organization of a "union of tenants" were made. That rents are higher in the Ghetto than anywhere else is admitted even by the landlords, who say that this is the inevitable result of congestion.

## MEMBER OF FIRST DUMA FAINTS IN PRISON PEN.

Ranischwill Has Contracted Consumption Since His Arrest.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—During the trial yesterday on charges of treason of the members of the first Duma who signed the Viborg manifesto, calling upon the citizens of Russia to stand up for their rights, Mr. Ranischwill tried to address the court as the spokesman of the Social Democrats. He had begun speaking but he fainted from weakness, and his body hung limply over the railing of the prisoner's pen.

Ranischwill has contracted consumption during his confinement. Since the beginning of the trial he has been brought to court from prison in a carriage every day.

## TO OPEN DRUCE GRAVE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK.

Time Is Kept Secret to Avoid Drawing Crowd.

London, Dec. 28.—The Consistory court yesterday afternoon granted permission for the opening of the grave of T. G. Druce to determine whether or not it contains a body or a roll of lead. The formalities for the opening are thus completed.

The actual date of the exhumation is kept a secret, but there is reason to believe that Monday or Tuesday of next week will see the mystery of the coffin cleared up.

## ILLNESS OF THE CZARINA CAUSES FEAR IN RUSSIA.

Empress Does Not Respond to Treatment, Doctors Admit.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—That there is great anxiety over the czarina among the members of the royal household there is no longer any denying. Her continued illness is causing intense worry on the part of the czar, and her physicians reluctantly admit that the imperial patient does not respond to the prescribed treatment.

All of the imperial functions, it is announced, have been cancelled, and there is no prospect of the fact that this step was due to the czarina's illness.

## To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

## HOME RECIPE EASILY MIXED

Relieves Worst Forms of Rheumatism Like Magic

TO BE TAKEN AFTER MEALS

Acts Promptly on The Kidneys and Bladder and Should Be Given a Trial By All Sufferers—Valuable Prescription.

Cut this out and put in some safe place, for it is valuable and worth more than anything else in the world if you should have an attack of rheumatism or bladder trouble or any derangement of the kidneys whatever.

The prescription is simple and can be made up by anyone at home. The ingredients can be had at any good prescription pharmacy and all that is necessary is to shake them well in a bottle.

Here it is: Fluid extract dandelion, one-half ounce; compound Kargon, one ounce; compound syrup of sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime. A few doses is said to relieve almost any case of bladder trouble, frequent urination, pain and swelling, weakness and backache, pain about the kidneys, etc. It is now claimed to be the method of curing chronic rheumatism, because of its direct and positive action upon the eliminative tissues of the kidneys. It cleanses these sponge-like organs and gives them life and power to sift and strain the poisonous waste matter and uric acid from the blood relieving the worst forms of rheumatism and kidney and bladder troubles. The extract dandelion acts upon the stomach and liver and is used also extensively for relieving constipation and indigestion. Compound sarsaparilla cleans and enriches the blood.

A well known local druggist is authorized that this prescription is safe to use at any time.

## BIG EXPLOSION IN POWDER WORKS SHAKES TOWN.

Four Men Hurt in Accident at Nevadine Plant, Near Pompton.

Pompton, N. J., Dec. 28.—For the second time within two weeks there was an explosion yesterday in the plant of the Nevadine Powder company at Riverdale, about four and a half miles from here, in which four men were injured, one of them so seriously that it is feared he cannot recover. Riverdale and this town were badly shaken by the force of the explosion.

About 11 a. m. the entire neighborhood hereabout was startled by a terrific explosion which shook the houses, knocked articles from mantelpieces. The usual earthquake scare was started. It is not known as yet how the accident occurred. The men were all at work in the mixing room when the explosion came without warning.

## INDIAN CONGRESS BREAKS UP IN A FIERCE FIGHT.

Chairs and Tables Broken and Legs Used as Weapons.

Surat, Bombay, Dec. 28.—After two days of futile efforts to elect a president the Indian National Congress broke up yesterday afternoon in a fierce fight, during which the police had to be called in.

Chairs and tables were broken and table legs and other pieces of shattered furniture were used by the delegates as bludgeons upon each other. The fighting became fierce and many delegates sustained serious injuries before the police finally came in and cleared the hall.

## Karo The Best Syrup for Coughs and Colds

Delicious and benefits young and old 10c, 25c, 50c—all-right tins

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Extended to all. Also an invitation to place your fire insurance here. January of each year makes a record for fires as a rule, and this month isn't likely to prove an exception—if you are not fully insured against a fire loss visit our fire insurance department at once. To delay may mean a loss to you!

## G. HERBERT PAPE, Resident Agent.

Tel. 48-4 Office in Granite Savings Bank Bldg.

## I AM SHOWING THE LARGEST STOCK OF PIANOS

in Central Vermont, and my inexpensive methods enable me to save my customers about one-third of their money. Easy payment plan if desired.

H. A. GOULD,

50 Spaulding Street, Barre, Vt.

## THE FOOD VALUE OF Baker's Cocoa

is attested by

127 Years of Constantly Increasing Sales

50 Highest Awards in Europe and America

We have always maintained the highest standard in the quality of our cocoa and chocolate preparations and we sell them at the lowest price for which unadulterated articles can be put upon the market.

Walter Baker & Co., Ltd.

Established 1780 DORCHESTER, MASS.

## TO RAISE THE PRICE OF WATER AT HOT SPRINGS

Bathhouse Keepers Will Make a Protest to the Government.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 28.—Announcement is made here that the United States will double the price for its healing hot waters after Jan. 1, and that the rent of all leased bathhouses will be doubled also. A protest will be sent to Washington.

The hot water now is dispensed by the government at \$30 a year for each tub supplied. The bathhouse owners say they are unable to meet the raise.

## STEAMER LUCANIA FAILS TO STOP AT QUEENSTOWN

Weather Too Heavy to Land Either Mail or Passengers.

Queenstown, Dec. 28.—The Cunard line steamship Lucania, from New York Dec. 21, passed here at 12:55 p. m., yesterday.

Owing to the heavy weather neither passengers nor mail were landed. They were carried on to Liverpool.

## WON'T UPHOLD CLOSING LAW.

The Jury Refuses to Convict Chicago Saloon-keeper.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The jury in the case of Thomas Chalmers, the first saloon-keeper to be placed on trial for violation of the Chicago closing law, yesterday returned a verdict of not guilty.

## Hard Coughs

If your doctor fully endorses your taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for your hard cough, then buy it and use it. If he does not, then do not take a single dose of it. He knows all about this splendid medicine for coughs and colds. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

We publish the complete formulas of all our medicines. We are proud of them. We have nothing to conceal; no secrets to hide.

## UNION CO-OPERATIVE STORE

GRANITE STREET.

## SPECIAL SALE

For the month of December and as long as the offered goods

Ivoryine Cleanser, 5c package at .4c for food, per package .5c

Ivoryine Cleanser, 10c package at .8c Hooton's Cocoa, per can .80c

Lifebuoy Sanitary Soap, cake .3c Congou Tea, pound package .30c

Baking Powder, pound package .10c Congou Tea, 1/2 pound package .15c

Baking Powder, 1/2 pound package .5c Strawberries, per can .80c